

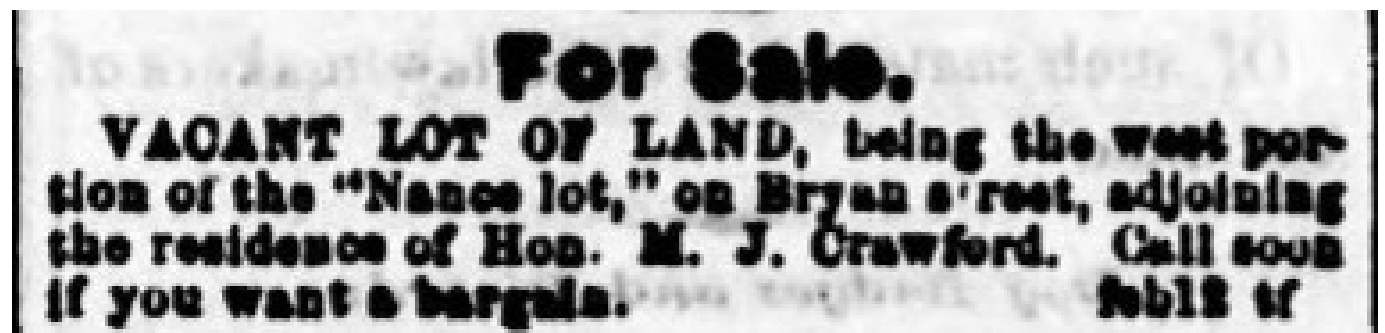
Today in Columbus History: On August 21, 1874, an ad appeared in the *Columbus Daily Enquirer* for the sale of a downtown property that was located adjacent to one of Columbus's most magnificent houses: the Martin J. Crawford House. Located at 209 13th St., Crawford's two-storied brick and cement home had a second-floor gallery on three sides. Built in the 1840s, the home, with its 12-inch-thick walls, was purchased by Crawford shortly after moving to Columbus from Hamilton in 1849. Crawford was a practicing attorney, judge, U.S. Representative and one of three Peace Commissioners sent by Jefferson Davis to Washington to meet with President Lincoln to try to reach an agreement on slavery. The Crawford House is believed to be the meeting place of the last meeting of the Confederate Cabinet – attended by Alexander Stephens, Robert Toombs, Crawford and others. Sadly, the house was razed in 1949 – to make way for "automotive progress," according to Etta Worsley. She added that "It was like throwing away the family portraits."

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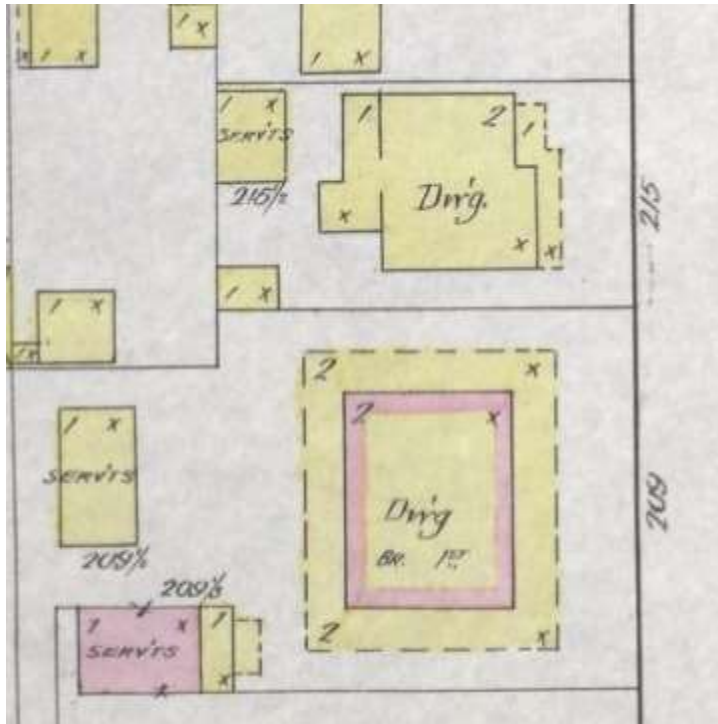
For Sale.
VACANT LOT OF LAND, being the west portion of the "Nance lot," on Bryan Street, adjoining the residence of Hon. M. J. Crawford. Call soon if you want a bargain.



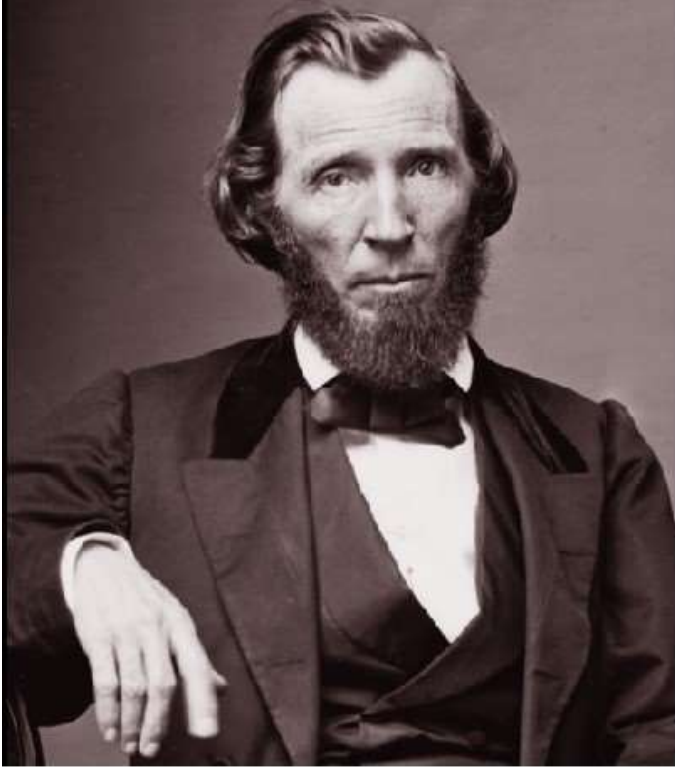
The magnificent Crawford House ca. 1933 -- from Historic American Buildings Survey.



13th St looking east. Crawford House at bottom left; . St. Paul's Church on right. From Ken Thomas's "Collumbus, Georgia in Vintage Postcards."



Sanborn map 1889, showing Craford house at 209 13th St. From GALILEO Sanborn Map Collection



Martin J, Crawford., described as a fair and conscientious judge. See his memorial at <https://www.google.com/.../Reports of.../2mwsAQAAAMAI...> page 855.